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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Admiral U. S. G. Sharp, USN, CINCPAC, on  
OX CART/BLACK SHIELD, 13 January 1966

1. The morning of 13 January General Geary and I jointly briefed Admiral Sharp at CINCPAC Headquarters on OXCART/BLACK SHIELD, with particular emphasis upon coordination with CINCPAC in the way of mission notification.

2. General Geary reviewed the history of the OXCART Program and its relationship to the SR-71 and YF-12 efforts. This material was not new to Admiral Sharp, although it did require some time to put the three programs in perspective for him. A fair amount of time was devoted to discussion of the flight characteristics of the A-12, the size and composition of the BLACK SHIELD detachment, the deployment plan through Hawaii, and [REDACTED] which, it is hoped, will [REDACTED] Admiral Sharp and his deputy, Lt. General Emerich, USAF, who was also present, were extremely interested in radar cross-section achievements and original goals in this area, and we attempted to give them as much information as was indicated on the subject.

3. In addition to Admiral Sharp and General Emerich, the following senior individuals were present: Major General Hutchin; Brig. General Brown; Brig. General Hutchinson; Lt. Col. Hayes, JRC CINCPAC; Capt. V. P. Cullen, USN, JRC Washington; [REDACTED] Lt. Col. H. T. Wagon, USAF, Air Officer, Honolulu Station; and Lt. Cdr. Nystrom, USN, BCO/TCO for CINCPAC. Admiral Sharp requested that his Executive Officer, Capt. Rembrandt Robinson, USN, be briefed fully on OXCART/BLACK SHIELD. General Geary pointed out that this was a departure from normal practice but his suggestion that Robinson not be brought into the family was rather harshly received by Admiral Sharp, at which point General Geary said he would concur in the briefing.

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